

AUBURN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
January 10, 2005, 6:00 p.m.

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall at 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California with Mayor Alice Dowdin presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Kevin Hanley, Keith Nesbitt, Bob Snyder, Alice Dowdin

Council Members Absent: Mike Holmes

Staff Members Present: City Manager Bob Richardson
City Attorney Charles Wachob
Engineering Division Manager
Bernie Schroeder

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Dowdin announced that Esther Stanton and Virginia Fleming, two distinguished community oriented individuals, had passed away. This meeting will be adjourned in their memory.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Creekside Parcel Map**

By **RESOLUTION 05-01** approve the Creekside Parcel Map for recording subject to the approval of the Conditions, Covenants & Restrictions (CC&R's)

2. **High Street/Agard/Oakwood Handicap Ramp Design Engineering Services**

By **RESOLUTION 05-02** authorize the Director of Public Works to execute consulting contract between the City of Auburn and MacIntosh Engineers for engineering services related to the High St./Agard/Oakwood Intersection Signal Project.

3. **Auburn Multimodal Additional Parking Lot-Construction Engineering Services**

By **RESOLUTION 05-03** authorize the Director of Public Works to execute consulting contract between the City of Auburn and MacIntosh Engineers for construction engineering services related to the Auburn Multimodal Additional Parking Lot Project.

4. **Western Placer County Cooperative Fire Service Response Agreement.**

By **RESOLUTION 05-04** authorize the Fire Chief to sign the Western Placer County Cooperative Fire Service Response Agreement.

5. **Claim for Moving Expenses-Business Operation: Auburn Flying Services & Dennis Denham**

By **RESOLUTION 05-05** approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the claim for actual moving expenses for the business operation of Auburn Flying Service and Dennis Denham.

***** End of Consent Calendar *****

By **MOTION** approve Consent Calendar. **MOTION: Hanley/Nesbitt/ Approved 4:0/Absent: Holmes**

6. **Public Comment**

City Manager Bob Richardson announced that PCWA had received a notice of violation for dumping construction waste. They have until February 7th to provide a remediation plan. The city is not involved in this issue, but will continue to monitor it.

Christine Rydell of 2015 Pleasant Hill Lane in Auburn introduced herself to the Council as the new Placer County Field Representative for State Senator Sam Anistaad. Even though the City of Auburn is not in the Senator's district, we are working on the joint issue together with the

California Highway Patrol at the airport. The sphere of influence does come into the Senator's district.

REPORTS

7. Informational Reports from Staff

Fire Chief's Monthly Report.

Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi spoke of the grants he had applied for and received. He added that about 31/2 miles of the shaded fuel break have been completed so far.

8. City Council Committee Reports

Kevin Hanley said the Governor's budget for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy is \$3,500,000.

Bob Snyder said he is soliciting comments from the Council and public for items that need to be put on an agenda to deal with coordination with the County.

Keith Nesbitt said the ARD and a group of citizens are trying to put together a proposal for a doggie park.

Alice Dowdin reported that Assemblymen Leslie and Laird have introduced legislation that would establish new license plates where the benefit would go to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.

Bob Snyder agreed with Mr. Nesbitt and said he favored a dog park; however the long-range land use should not be adversely impacted. The park should be located in the right spot so it wouldn't have to be relocated in the future.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

9. Termination of Fire Department Membership in the Western Placer County Joint Powers Authority (WPCJPA).

Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi told the Council that the Placer County Fire Chiefs Association had recommended disbanding the WPCJPA and assume the operational issues of the WPCJPA. He said the WPCJPA might disband on its own anyway. The money the City will save could be better spent elsewhere.

Dan Sokol of 1330 Deerwood Place said he highly commends those who disband government agencies that are no longer needed.

By **RESOLUTION 05-06** terminate Fire Department membership in the Western Placer County Joint Powers Authority and support the recommendations of the Placer County Fire Chief's Association.

MOTION: Hanley/Snyder/Approved 4:0/Absent: Holmes

10. **Proposed Ordinance Amendments Pertaining to Responsibilities of the Arts Commission**

Consider recommendations and provide direction to staff. By **MOTION** direct staff to draft an ordinance, as presented, revising Chapter 101 of Title IX, Sec. 101.104 of the Auburn Municipal Code, to delete the words *and privately-owned property* from Paragraph A and delete the words *The Commission shall give priority in the selection and placement of visual artworks to those that would make the gateways into the City and business districts along Interstate 80 and Highway 49 more attractive for residents and visitors* from Paragraph B. **MOTION: Hanley/Nesbitt/Approved by voice/Absent: Holmes**

11. **An Art in Public Places Project-Dawson Tanks Mural**

Council Member Hanley said this is the right kind of project but it is in the wrong place. He fully supports the placement of public art with the Endurance-related themes but questioned placing them on the Dawson Tanks, which will be seen by relatively few people. If we spend taxpayer dollars to create public art we want a lot of people to see and appreciate it. We also want the art to attract people who don't live here to the business district. According to CalTrans, two million people go up and down Highway 80 each year. Our face to the world on Highway 80 is not very attractive. We need to improve that face in order to draw people in. Mr. Hanley added that the Arts Commission has an inventory of publicly owned parcels in which art could possibly be developed. Having been on the Council for two years "*I have never been provided that inventory.*" He felt that he was not provided with all the alternatives.

Mayor Dowdin responded that the placement of this project is a good one. The area is booming, the traffic in the area is increasing along with the development in the area. People will be attracted to come and look at the murals, especially those visitors who come to compete.

Council Member Snyder agreed with the Mayor. The Arts Commission worked hard on this project and made a good selection. It's too late in the process to say it's in the wrong place. This is a good location for a growing Nevada Street corridor.

By **RESOLUTION 05-07** approve the Dawson Tanks Mural proposal submitted by artist Rip Cronk, approve the agreement between the City of Auburn and Rip Cronk, approve the easement agreement between the City of Auburn and Mel Dawson and authorize the City Manager to execute the artist agreement and easement agreement on behalf of the City of Auburn. **MOTION: Dowdin/Snyder/Approved 3:1/No: Hanley/Absent: Holmes**

12. **Endurance Capital Committee Fiscal Year 2005 Work Plan**

City Manager Bob Richardson summarized the work plan as outlined in the agenda.

By **MOTION** approve the Endurance Capital Committee Work Plan.
MOTION: Hanley/Nesbitt/Approved by voice/Absent: Holmes

13. **City Council Appointments to the Placer Mosquito Abatement District**

Council Member appointment by Mayor to the Placer Mosquito Abatement District.

Mayor Dowdin said that the Mosquito Abatement District meetings conflict with the Auburn City Council meetings. She thought the Auburn representative should not be a Council Member, but rather somebody appointed by the Council.

Council member Snyder volunteered to attend the District's introductory meeting and get the materials that will be passed out so he could report back to the Council.

Council Member Snyder was then temporarily appointed to the Mosquito Abatement District.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:36 P.M. in memory of Esther Stanton and Virginia Fleming.

Alice Dowdin, Mayor

Joseph Labrie, City Clerk